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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: POLICE AND ARMY REINFORCEMENTS TO
OWAMBO

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 18 THAT POLICE AND ARMY REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO OWAMBO AS INSURANCE AGAINST POSSIBILITY OF UNREST FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF CHIEF MINISTER ELIFAS (REFTEL). NO FURTHER INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED, BUT MINISTER OF POLICE J T KRUGER SAID IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW, " WE ARE TAKING ALL PRECAUTIONS." SA COMMISSIONER OF POLICE GENERAL G L PRINSLOO IS VISITING TERRITORY AUGUST 19 TO ASSESS SECURITY SITUATION.
2. ACCORDING TO JOHANNESBURG STAR WINDHOEK CORRESPONDENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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MANY OVAMBO MIGRANT WORKERS IN KATATURA TOWNSHI GREETED

NEWS OF ASSASSINATION WITH " JUBILATION". CROWDS
CONGREGATED AROUND HOME OF SWAPO NATIONAL CHAIRMAN DAVID
MERERO AND SHOUTED, " KAPUUNO WILL BE NEXT." TWO WORKERS
WERE ARRESTED FOR DISTURBING PEACE DURING " CELEBRATION".
CHIEF KAPUUNO WHO WILL HEAD HERERO DELEGATION TO CONSTITU-
TIONAL TALKS AND WHO REPORTEDLY HAS HAD HIS LIFE THREATENED
IN RECENT MONTHS, SAID IN WINDHOEK AUGUST 18 THAT HE HAS
INFORMATION THAT SWAPO INTENDS TO ASSASSINATE OTHER
LEADERS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS.

3. IN UNRELATED DEVELOPMENT IN NAMIBIA SWA COMMISSIONER
GENERAL JAN DE WET TOLD PRESS THAT NEARLY 9000 ANGOLAN
REFUGEES CROSSED THE BORDER INTO OWAMBO AUGUST 18 ARRIVE-
ING IN CONVOY CONSISTING OF 2400 VEHICLES. BETWEEN 3000
AND 4000 REFUGEES ENTERED PREVIOUS SEVERAL WEEKS.

REFUGEES BEING TEMPORARILY ACCOMMODATED IN TENT CAMP
NEAR ARMY BASE AT GROOTFONTEIN.
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